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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Unclassified Data on Ship Movements to Cuba for July and August 1962

1. Attached is a copy of the subject study prepared by this Office. The study represents a complete search of unclassified materials maintained in the office. There are 2 or 3 minor sources, copies of which we do not maintain, that might add 1 or 2 ships to the charter totals here available. A careful search of these sources should they be available elsewhere, would add another 90 - 100 hours to the project and might produce no change in the present numbers. I have therefore stopped the analysis at the present stage.

2. The study indicates a sharp decline in the ability of unclassified sources to produce information of ship arrivals as one moves closer to current arrivals. It also indicates a general inability of unclassified sources to produce as much as one-half the charter information available on an "all-source" basis.

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Enclosure:
Data on Ship Movements

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MERCHANT SHIP ARRIVALS IN CUBAN PORTS - JULY AND AUGUST 1962

During July and August 1962, there were 189 arrivals in Cuban ports by Bloc and non-Bloc ships. Of the non-Bloc arrivals, 92 were flying the flags of NATO countries and 40 were flying other non-Bloc flags.

Total arrivals for each of the two months are presented in the following tables for both Bloc and non-Bloc ships. In addition, tables are attached showing the distribution of ship arrivals between NATO flag and other non-Bloc flags, and whether they are in Bloc-Cuban trade or non-Bloc-Cuban trade. Non-Bloc ships that either arrived from a Bloc port or were scheduled to load for a Bloc port and for which charter data are not available are characterized as being in a "beneficial use" status. The presumption in almost every case is that these vessels are under charter to the Soviet Bloc.

In the case of the British-flag tankers, no specific identification of their charters can be made. They are counted, however, as chartered vessels because their owners are known to have several tankers under long-term time-charter to the USSR.

Bloc Ship Arrivals in Cuba - July 1962

Country	Dry Cargo		Tankers		Total	
	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT
USSR	9	63,103	8	140,482	17	203,585
Bulgaria	1	8,779			1	8,779
Czechoslovakia	1	8,887			1	8,887
East Germany	1	6,996			1	6,996
Poland	1	3,184			1	3,184
TOTAL	13	90,949	8	140,482	21	231,431

Non-Bloc Ship Arrivals in Cuban Ports - July 1962

Country	Dry Cargo		Tankers		Total	
	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT
Belgium	1	7,639			1	7,639
Great Britain	9	64,568	7	98,116	16	162,684
Cuba	5	15,038			5	15,038
Denmark	4	24,060			4	24,060
France	1	5,038			1	5,038
Germany	4	14,213			4	14,213
Greece	16	145,133	3	35,273	19	180,406
Italy	3	21,508			3	21,508
Japan	2	16,782			2	16,782
Lebanon	3	21,619			3	21,619
Liberia	2	18,217			2	18,217
Netherlands	3	13,748			3	13,748
Norway	4	27,175	1	19,999	5	47,174
Panama	1	2,393			1	2,393
Spain	5	39,706			5	39,706
Turkey	1	7,095			1	7,095
Yugoslavia			1	8,318	1	8,318
TOTAL	64	444,012	12	161,706	76	605,718

BLOC SHIP ARRIVALS IN CUBA - AUGUST 1962

Country	Dry Cargo		Tankers		Total	
	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT
USSR	20	135,430	11	161,224	31	296,654
Poland	1	7,697			1	7,697
Bulgaria	1	7,669	1	10,098	2	17,767
East Germany	1	9,659			1	9,659
Czechoslovakia	1	8,837			1	8,837
Total	24	169,292	12	171,322	36	340,614

NON-BLOC SHIP ARRIVALS IN CUBAN PORTS - AUGUST 1962

Country	Dry Cargo		Tankers		Total	
	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT
Chile	1	6,292			1	6,292
Cuba	3	7,184			3	7,184
Denmark	3	12,676			3	12,676
Finland	1	7,820			1	7,820
Great Britain	3	21,004	2	26,443	5	47,447
West Germany	9	61,261			9	61,261
Greece	8	58,216	3	39,256	11	97,472
Holland	1	9,105			1	9,105
Italy			1	12,982	1	12,982
Japan	2	16,003			2	16,003
Lebanon	2	14,577			2	14,577
Liberia	1	8,203			1	8,203
Morocco	1	8,748			1	8,748
Norway	4	20,329	1	11,190	5	31,519
Panama	1	7,243			1	7,243
Spain	2	11,867			2	11,867
Sweden	5	23,024			5	23,024
Yugoslavia	2	15,923			2	15,923
Total	49	308,475	7	89,871	56	398,346

NON-BLOC ARRIVALS IN CUBAN PORTS - JUNE 1962
(Dry Cargo)

NATO Flag	Bloc-Cuban Trade: Chartered by: Sov.	Sat.	China	Bloc-Cuban Trade: No Specific Charter Identified but of Beneficial Use To: Sov.	Sat.	China	Total Bloc Involved	Non-Bloc-Cuban Trade	Total
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
British	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	5	9
Danish	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	4
French	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Greek	-	-	9	1	1	1	12	4	16
Italian	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	3
Dutch	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	3
Norwegian	-	-	1	-	-	2	3	1	4
Turkish	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
West German	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	4
Subtotal	0	0	14	4	4	3	25	21	46

NON-BLOC ACTIVITY IN CUBAN PORTS - JUNE 1962
(Dry Cargo) (continued)

	Bloc-Cuban Trade No Specific Charter Identified but of Beneficial Use To:						Total Bloc Involved	Non-Bloc-Cuban Trade	Total
	Chartered by:								
	Sov.	Sat.	China	Sov.	Sat.	China			
Non-USSR Flag									
Cuban	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	5
Japanese	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Lebanese	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	3
Liberian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Panamian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Spanish	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Subtotal	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	15	18
Grand Total	0	0	14	6	3	3	26	36	64

NON-BLOC TANKER ARRIVALS IN CUBAN PORTS - JULY, AUGUST 1962

	Bloc-Cuban Trade					
	Under Soviet Charter	No Specific Charter Identified but of Benefited Use for USSR	Satellites	Total Bloc	Non-Bloc-Cuban Trade	Total
JULY						
NATO Flag						
British	6	-	-	6	1	7
Greek	-	2	-	2	1	3
Norwegian	-	1	-	1	-	1
Subtotal	6	3	-	9	2	11
Non-NATO Flag						
Yugoslavian	-	-	1	1	-	1
Grand total	6	3	1	10	2	12
AUGUST						
NATO Flag						
British	2	-	-	2	-	2
Greek	-	3	-	3	-	3
Italian	-	-	-	-	1	1
Norwegian	-	-	-	-	1	1
Subtotal	2	3	-	5	2	7
Non-NATO Flag None						
Grand total	2	3	-	5	2	7

NON-BLOC DRY CARGO SHIP ARRIVALS IN CUBA - AUGUST 1962

	Bloc-Cuban Trade								
	Chartered by			No Specific Carrier Identified but of Beneficial Use For					
NATO Flag	Nor.	Bel.	China	Nor.	Bel.	Cuba	Total Bloc Involved	Non-Bloc-Cuban Trade	Total
British	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	3
Danish	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	3
Greek	-	-	1	4	-	1	6	2	8
Dutch	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Norwegian	-	-	1	1	-	1	2	2	4
West German	-	-	-	4	-	2	6	3	9
Subtotal	0	0	2	10	1	4	17	11	28
Non-NATO Flag									
Chilean								1	1
Cuban				1			1	2	3
Finnish				1			1		1
Japanese								2	2
Lebanese	2						2		2
Liberian								1	1
Moroccan				1			1		1
Panamanian								1	1
Spanish								2	2
Swedish				1		1	2	3	5
Yugoslav				2			2		2
Subtotal	2	0	0	6	0	1	9	12	21
GRAND TOTAL	2	0	2	16	1	5	26	23	49